

REMARKS

Claims 7-9, 11-14, 28, 29 stand rejected, whereas claims 10, 15-21 and 23-26 would be allowed if rewritten to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they depend. Without conceding the merits of the rejections, applicant has in essence rewritten each of claims 10, 15, 23, 24, and 28 in independent form, containing a limitation from one of the claims 10, 15, 23, or 24 which were indicated as allowable.

In particular, claims 7 and 28 incorporate the limitations of claim 15 as previously presented, whereas claims 10, 23, and 24 have simply been rewritten in independent form incorporating all the features of claim 7 as previously presented. Accordingly, all independent claims 10, 15, 23, 24, and 28 should be allowable.

A number of dependent claims have been amended to reflect the amendments to the claims from which they previously depended. Claims 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21, which previously depended from claim 15, have been amended to depend from claim 7 (which incorporates the features of claim 15 as previously presented). Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 10, and claims 15 and 29 have been amended to depend from claim 23, to avoid redundancy or for improved consistency.

The foregoing amendments render the rejections under 35 USC §102 and 35 USC §103 moot. No other rejections or objections remain outstanding. Accordingly, applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance.

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A check in the amount of \$400 is enclosed herewith for extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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